REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for the cantinued examination of a utility or plant application and the continue of a

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat Office (April 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

1.	Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114		
a.	□ Previously submitted		
	i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)		
	ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on		
	iii.		
b.	⊠ Enclosed		
	i. 🖾 Amendment/Reply		
	ii.		
	iii. 🖾 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)		
	iv. Other <u>Petition for Extension of Time</u>		
2.	Miscellaneous		
a.	Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)		
b.	□ Other		
3.	Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.		
a.	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, and additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.		
	i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) 88/01/2007 HAHHED1 00000116 012340 10721069		
	ii. 🖾 Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 02 FC:1801 790.00 DA		
	iii. Dother		
b.	☐ Check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.		

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for the continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

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